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In re: Application of: Anand R. BAICHWAL, et al.

Serial No.: 09/676,376

Filed: September 29, 2000

For: **SUSTAINED RELEASE MATRIX SYSTEMS  
FOR HIGHLY SOLUBLE DRUGS**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Box: RCE

March 10, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed December 17, 2002, for the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be considered:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **cancel** claims 1-13 and 15-64 without prejudice.

Please **add** new claims 73-119 as follows:

73. (New) The method of claim 65, wherein said dosage form provides a sustained release of said medicament for at least about 12 hours after oral administration.

74. (New) The method of claim 65, wherein said dosage form provides a sustained release of said medicament for at least about 24 hours after oral administration.